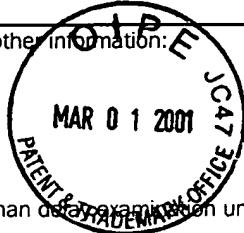


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: March 1, 2001
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known): <b>09/786110</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: <b>PCT/JP00/04382</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: <b>JUNE 29, 2000</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: <b>JULY 2, 1999</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION: SUPPORTIVE DEVICE FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Tadashi IURA, Yoshiyuki TSUKAMURA and Keiji YAMAMOTO</b>		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than deferring examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.  c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.  c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
<b>ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:</b>		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report and 5 references..</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <b>IURA CO., LTD., Onsen-gun, Japan</b></p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>		



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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		<u>CALCULATIONS</u>	<u>PTO USE ONLY</u>																				
<b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO: ..... \$860.00																							
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International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$100.00																							
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$ 860.00</b>																							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>x</u> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). 		<b>\$ 130.00</b>																					
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00 per property +</b>																							
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- a.  A check in the amount of **\$ 1,350.00** to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$860.00 for filing fee; \$90.00 for 5 additional claims; \$270.00 for multiple dependent claims and \$130.00 for late filing of the declaration). (This paper is filed in triplicate)
- b.  Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of **\$** to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)
- c.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

**NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.**

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